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Delegation of Authority with Respect to Slaughter Permit Program

Pursuant to the War Food Administrator's memorandum of June 22, 1943, to State War Board Chairmen, authority is hereby delegated to all Regional Administrators to review, reject, revoke or adjust slaughter permits either on his own motion or on appeal from decisions of State War Boards.

This delegation includes authority to make spot checks within regions and to conduct over-all reviews of permits issued and reviewed by the several State War Boards.

Regional Administrators should utilize commodity specialists within the region on this work and should maintain insofar as possible uniformity by States within regions and among regions.

The issuance and review of permits should be held strictly within existing policies.

Roy F. Hendrickson Director

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Administration of the Slaughter License Program

The slaughter license program has been established by FDO No. 75. The purpose of this order is to establish more effective control over the distribution of meat to fill military and civilian requirements and to increase the sources of meat supply available to authorized Federal agencies. The order provides for the licensing of all slaughterers except farm slaughterers. Farm slaughterers will continue to operate under the permit system.

Because of the large number and wide distribution of persons subject to the slaughter license order, the program must be administered as close to the persons affected as possible. For this reason, the program must be decentralized to make maximum use of local facilities.

War Food Administrator's Memorandum No. 21 delegates authority and responsibility for the operation of the slaughter license program to the Director of Food Distribution Administration. Provision is made in the memorandum for the utilization of State and County War Boards in carrying out the program with respect to farm slaughterers.

Following is the assignment of responsibility and authority for carrying out the program:

Livestock and Meats Branch

The Livestock and Meats Branch shall be responsible for basic policies and technical procedures governing the operation of the program. This Branch is hereby authorized to issue a manual and supplements thereto which will incorporate such policies and procedures. This manual should be used by Regional Directors and State and Area Supervisors in carrying out the program. In addition, the Livestock and Meats Branch in Washington, D. C. shall administer the program with respect to a group of national slaughterers.

Regional Director В.

The Regional Director shall have the primary authority and responsibility for the administration of the program in the field. The Regional Director shall issue certain licenses, review petitions on appeals, and revoke licenses and permits.

C. State Supervisor

Under the administrative and technical direction of the Regional Director, the State Supervisor shall be responsible for the administration of the meat program within the State.

D. Area Supervisors

The Area Supervisors shall report to and receive their instructions from the State Supervisor. Each Area Supervisor will be responsible for the operation of the meat program in a number of counties. The Area Supervisor shall utilize the assistance of the County War Meat Committee of the County War Board to the fullest possible extent. The Area Supervisor shall meet with each county committee at frequent intervals to consider their recommendations and suggestions, and to advise them as to the best method of carrying out their responsibilities.

E. State and County War Boards

State and County War Boards have had long and valuable experience in working with farmers. In order to have an effective operation of the slaughter license program as it affects all classes of slaughterers, this experience should be utilized to the maximum extent possible. Accordingly, the State FDA representative on the State War Board shall be responsible for obtaining the Board's policy recommendations on the program, particularly as they relate to farm slaughterers. State and County War Boards may recommend to area, State, or regional FDA officials any action they believe appropriate with respect to the issuance of licenses or the administration of the licensing system as a whole. Through the FDA representative on the Board, State War Boards shall be kept informed as to the progress of the program.

County War Boards can make a very important contribution to the effective operation of the slaughter permit system in the counties. Therefore, the War Meat Committee of the County War Board will be responsible for issuing permits to farm slaughterers whose slaughter for sale to others will not exceed 400 pounds for a calendar year. The committee will also make recommendations to the Area Supervisor on other farm slaughter applications. Whenever reference is made in the procedure to the County War Meat Committee, it is to be understood that this committee functions as a committee of the County War Board.

This Memorandum supersedes Director's Memorandum No. 57, dated June 29, 1943.

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